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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO, GR

SUBJ: MBFR: TURKISH INITIATIVE ON PROTECTING FLANKS

REF: A. STATE 017634; B. STATE 022413

AS SUGGESTED REFTEL B, DCM CLARIFIED US VIEWS ON  
TURKISH FLANK INITIATIVE TO GREGORIADES, DIRECTOR OF FIFTH  
DIRECTORATE (INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, INCLUDING NATO) OF  
FOREIGN MINISTRY ON FEB 5, NOTING THAT AMB HAD  
DISCUSSED MATTER WITH FOREIGN MINISTER (ATHENS 0394).  
GREGORIADES EXPRESSED APPRECIATION AND MADE TWO COMMENTS.  
FIRST, THAT WESTERN STATEMENTS IN PLENARY SESSION MUST  
BE HARMONIZED BEFOREHAND. SECOND, SOME WAY MUST BE FOUND  
TO ENFORCE ANY AGREED FORMULA DESIGNED TO PREVENT INCREASED  
SOVIET THREAT TO THE FLANKS. IN THIS RESPECT GREEK AND  
TURKISH INTERESTS COINCIDE ALTHOUGH ADMITTEDLY  
TURKEY HAD GREATER CAUSE FOR CONCERN. GRIGORIADES  
RECALLED THAT DURING THE GREEK CIVIL WAR THE USSR  
VIOLATED ITS AGREEMENT WITH THE WESTERN ALLIES NOT TO  
INTERVENE IN GREECE AFTER WORLD WAR II, ADDING THAT THE  
USSR STILL HAD LONG-STANDING AMBITIONS TO EXPAND ITS

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POWER IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN AND MID-EAST.

DCM SAID US WAS WELL AWARE OF THIS ASPECT OF PROBLEM  
BUT POINTED OUT OBJECTIVE OF US POLICY IN THIS AREA  
AS WELL AS CENTRAL EUROPE WAS TO CREATE STABLE SITUATIONS  
IN WHICH USSR COULD PLAY A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE AND  
WHICH IT WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN MAINTAINING.  
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